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Abstract

15 The marine aerosols is mainly produced primary sea salt and secondary form of non-sea salt (nss) sulfate and organic species from marine emission, but get modified significantly by the anthropogenic and terrestrial materials, such as total carbon (TC) and total nitrogen (TN), which transported by the atmospheric circulation from land to the ocean. Rarely studies focus on the total carbon (TC) and total nitrogen (TN) in marine aerosol in the open ocean due to 20 the sampling difficulty, let alone the annual observation. Concentrations of TC and TN, and their isotope compositions (δ^{13} C-TC and δ^{15} N-TN) were measured in total suspended particulate (TSP) which sampled at Yongxing Island over the South China Sea from March 2014 to February 2015, and coastal mega-city Guangzhou in April/May and October/November, 2014. The annual average concentrations of TC and TN at Yongxing Island were 4.20 \pm 2.38 µg m⁻³ and 0.77 \pm 0.47 µg m⁻³, respectively. Much higher 25 concentration of TC and TN were observed at Guangzhou. Contributions of NO_3^- and NH_4^+ (inorganic nitrogen, IN) to TN at Yongxing Island averaged 55.7% and 6.8%, respectively, Download English Version:

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